

**Callaway County Library District
Minutes, Meeting of August 23, 2021**

Board members present were Tonya Hays-Martin, Jean Howard and Debra Winter. Mary Fennel and Nate Suttentfield were absent.

Also present were DBRL staff members Amanda Burke, Margaret Conroy, Sara Henry, Jim Smith and Mitzi St. John.

Public Hearing

Winter opened the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. and invited comment from the public. There were no members of the public in attendance. The public hearing closed at 5:31 p.m.

Call to Order

Winter called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Hearing no changes, additions or deletions, Winter declared the minutes of June 10, 2021 approved as written.

Setting of the 2021 CCLD Operating Tax Rate

Smith reported that the State Auditor has approved setting the tax rate at 26 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, which is the voter-approved tax ceiling.

ACTION: Hays-Martin moved, Howard seconded setting the 2021 CCLD operating tax rate at 26 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The vote was taken by roll call: Hays-Martin – yes; Howard – yes; Winter – yes. The motion passed.

Service Hours for CCPL

Conroy noted that the Columbia Public Library and Southern Boone County Public Library have restored all or most of their pre-pandemic open hours and the Holts Summit Public Library added more open hours this year as a result of passing the 2020 tax levy. She has been discussing the Callaway County Public Library open hours with Henry and they would like to find a balance of hours that meet the public's needs while being a productive use of staff time. Conroy and Henry suggest the following schedule:

- Monday 9am-6pm (no change)
- Tuesday 9am-8pm (open longer to accommodate evening programs)
- Wednesday – Friday 9am-6pm (no change)
- Saturday 9am-3pm (no change)

Henry added that the proposed schedule will allow staff more flexibility to attend community events.

In response to a question from Hays-Martin, Henry stated that moving to a schedule with one evening of later open hours will also give some patrons more opportunities to visit the branch, so the change will be helpful even if instituted before in-person programming resumes.

In response to a question from Winter, Henry reviewed the factors including other regularly scheduled community activities that led to staff suggesting that the ideal evenings for library programming would be Tuesdays.

ACTION: Howard moved, Hays-Martin seconded changing the CCPL open hours to the suggested schedule, as above.

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In response to a question from St. John, Henry stated that there is no regular evening when shops in the Brick District stay open late.

ACTION: The motion passed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Winter adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke.

Board Secretary